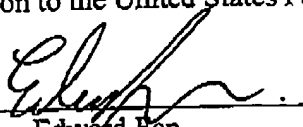


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<b>Serial No.:</b>	<b>09/978,276</b>
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2005. This response is submitted concurrently with a Petition to extend the period of time for response by three-months to April 3, 2006.

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New dependent claims 15-20 are presently added. Applicant does not believe that any claim fees are required, but if such fee or any other fee is deemed required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Agent's deposit account no. 15-0633.

Kindly amend the subject application as follows, in view of the comments set out herebelow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listings of claims which beings on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.